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TAGS: OCON, SEATO

SUBJ: SEATO: ARRANGEMENTS FOR 18TH COUNCIL MEETING

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO CINCPAC FROM BANGKOK
JUNE 28 REPEATED FOR YOU:

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BANGKOK 10046

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SUBJECT: SEATO: ARRANGEMENTS FOR 18TH COUNCIL MEETING

REF: A. BANGKOK 8605 B. STATE 117025

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH SEATO DEPSEC GEN HYSLOP CONTENTS
REFTEL B AND PROVIDED HIM WITH FLOOR PLAN AND BROCHURE RE
IIE BUILDING. DEPSEC GEN, WHILE CONCEDING THAT NEW
PROPOSED SITE OFFERS ADVANTAGES OF PRIVATE OFFICE SPACE
FOR SEC GEN, DEPSEC GEN AND SOME SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS AND
PROVIDES SECRETARIAT WORKING SPACE ON SAME FLOOR AS
CONFERENCE ROOM, INSISTS THAT WORKING SPACE ALLOCATED
FOR SUPPORT STAFF IS SEVERELY INSUFFICIENT. WHEREAS
1.870 SQ. FT. WAS AVAILABLE IN USUN AUDITORIUM, LESS THAN
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500 SQ. FT. IS AVAILABLE AT IIE BASED ON FLOOR PLAN. THIS

CONTRASTS TO MINIMUM 2,000 SQ. FT DEPSEC GEN STILL MAINTAINS
IS REQUIRED FOR WORKING SPACE FOR SUPPORT STAFF.

2. EMBOFF HAS REITERATED (WITH PATIENCE OF JOB) THAT
POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS DICTATE CHANGES IN CUSTOMARY FORMAT
WHICH CHARACTERIZED PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND THAT SHARP CUT-
BACKS IN PAPERWORK AND ASSOCIATED SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL
AND WORK SPACE WOULD NOT HAMPER SUCCESSFUL MEETING, PROVIDED
ALL PREPARATORY WORK POSSIBLE WAS DONE IN BANGKOK. HOWEVER,
AT THIS POINT DEPSEC GEN STANDING FIRM ON REQUIREMENT FOR
MORE WORK SPACE.

3. RE INDIVIDUAL OFFICE SPACE FOR NATIONAL DELEGATIONS, US
PWG MEMBER AT JUNE 26 MEETING INFORMED COLLEAGUES OF UN-
AVAILABILITY SUCH SPACE AT IIE SITE AND REQUESTED THAT THEIR
DELEGATIONS OPERATE OUT OF RESPECTIVE UN MISSION OFFICES.
NO MEMBER RAISED ANY OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL; SOME POINTED
OUT THAT IF US COULD NOT PROVIDE SPACE THEY WOULD HAVE TO
ACCOMMODATE DELEGATES AT THEIR UN MISSIONS. (EARLIER
DEPSEC GEN HAD SUGGESTED TO EMBOFF THAT US MIGHT CONSIDER
RENTING HOTEL ROOMS FOR THIS PURPOSE; HOWEVER, EMBOFF
IMMEDIATELY THREW COLD WATER ON SUGGESTION BY NOTING THAT
HIGH HOTEL COSTS WOULD PROBABLY PRECLUDE THIS.)

4. EMBASSY IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS
TO LOCATE SUITABLE SITE WHICH WOULD OFFER PHYSICAL FACILITIES
ACCEPTABLE TO SEATO. HOWEVER, IN VIEW INFO CONTAINED PARAS
1 AND 2 ABOVE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT EXPLORE WITH IIE POSSIBILITY
OF ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR SUPPORT STAFF ON FLOOR ADJACENT TO
CONFERENCE FLOOR AND/OR ALLOCATING PART OF CONFERENCE ROOM
PROPER (WHICH APPEARS QUITE LARGE) FOR THIS PURPOSE AND
ADVISE SOONEST.

5. DEPSEC GEN PLANNING TO VISIT DEPARTMENT JULY 16-20
RE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS DURING WHICH TIME HE EXPECTS BE
TAKEN TO IIE SITE.

6. CHARGE HAS JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM SEATO SEC GEN
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE E THIS SUBJECT. TEXT
WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY. MASTERS
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